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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PASTOR of Arizona).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

March 5, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ED PASTOR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

As people of faith, Lord God Eternal, we believe that Your Spirit fills the whole world. Moved by this faith, we try to discern authentic signs of Your presence and purpose in the events, the needs, and the longings which we share with other people all the time.

Lord, thank You for faith, because faith throws a new light on all things and makes known the full ideal to which You have called each Member of Congress and each citizen of this great Nation.

Guide minds into great collaboration and move hearts toward true solutions which transcend ideology and reach the fullest depths of human potential, bringing us into a greater union with others and with You. Then, as Your free children, we will conquer the problems which confront us, and give You glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 520. An act to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 327 South Church Street, Rockford, Illinois, as the "Stanley J. Roszkowski United States Courthouse".

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 10 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

TAPPING INTO THE POTENTIAL OF FUTURE GENERATIONS OF WOMEN

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, in 1987 the United States Congress officially designated March as Women's History Month in an effort to not only increase public knowledge of women's history, but also to raise the public consciousness of the

impact that women have on our country.

Over the last century, we have made considerable progress. However, our work to ensure that women have equal rights and protection from assault and abuse are not over. Today, women continue to bring home smaller paychecks than men do for doing the same job. However, I am proud that this Congress passed and President Obama recently signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009 to help end pay discrimination against women.

Currently, there are an estimated 198,000 women serving on active duty in our military, and still we are unable to provide them with a safe environment, free of sexual assault and violence. In addition, approximately 800,000 individuals are trafficked across international borders each year, and, sadly, 80 percent of those are women and girls.

While we recognize the progress we have made, we must not be complacent, but instead work together to tap into the potential of future generations of women.

LESS IS MORE

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, under the new tax proposal, those that make over \$250,000 are going to have a massive tax increase so the government can redistribute that money to special groups. Those in this high tax group already pay most of the taxes and create most of the new jobs in small business.

But we have got a problem. These same folks are considering cutting back their work productivity so they make less than \$250,000. According to ABC News, some individuals who own business also are going to downsize because of the tax increase.

A lawyer in Louisiana says, "Why kill yourself working if it is given

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